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## BOTH PHONES FOR YOU TO USE

Items of interest are things that the Alma Record desires, and we want them all. It is next to impossible to get everything, and we would appreciate it, if our friends both in the city and country would call us up when they have items. We want them, and you can get us easily over either telephone. We have both.

## REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

For Justices of the supreme court—John W. Stone of Marquette and Franz C. Kuhn of Detroit.  
Regents of the University of Michigan—W. L. Clements of Bay City and James O. Martin of Detroit.  
State superintendent of public instruction—Fred L. Keeler of Lansing.  
For member of the state board of education—Thomas W. Nadel of Olivet.  
For members of the state board of agriculture—Jason Woodman of Paw Paw and John W. Beaumont of Detroit.  
For state highway commissioner—Frank F. Rogerts of Lansing.

## ONE OF ALMA'S NEEDS

One of the greatest needs of the city of Alma today is the improvement or paving of that stretch of road on West Superior street, west from the railroad crossing to the college hill. The board of trade has also interested itself in the matter, and it is almost a certainty that something will be done in this regard during the coming summer.

Every spring this piece of road is a mire, through which teams and automobiles can go only with the greatest difficulty. It is a common sight during the wet weather of spring to see wagons buried almost to the hubs of the wheels, as the horses strain their hardest, to pull their loads down this street. Often one sees automobiles stuck in the mud there. This stretch of a couple blocks easily holds away as the worst piece of road in Alma, and with every heavy rain its reputation as the worst piece of road, spreads, as strangers find difficulty in getting through its mud.

Only last fall a paper from a small village near here called attention to the mud hole in West Alma, and told how difficult it was for the editor of that paper to get through the mire and mud. He seemed greatly surprised that an enterprising little city like Alma would stand for such roads.

The residents of West Superior street have petitions out for signatures, asking the council to pave this piece of road this summer. The council could not find a worse piece of road in Alma to pave, nor one on which a much heavier traffic would be found, were the road what it should be. Not only that, but paving these few blocks, would add greatly to the beauty of the western part of the city.

## SPRING PRIMARY

Caucuses for Spring Election Should Be Held Earlier.

Notices are posted for the spring primary, to be held Wednesday, March 7th, at which time each party will nominate its candidates for circuit judge, etc.

Attention is called to the change in the law governing the holding of township caucuses, the change having been made by the absent voters act of 1915. Under that law township tickets must be nominated twenty days before election. This year the first Monday in April falls on the second day of the month, and thus the last day on which caucuses could be held would be March 13th. The ballots must be printed and in the hands of the township clerk on March 20th at the latest.

Since five days' notice must be given for the holding of a caucus, the several committees should post their notices not later than March 8th.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Clerk and Carrier.  
An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the post office in this city on March 24, 1917. Age limit, 18 to 45 years on the date of the examination.

Married women will not be admitted to the examination. The prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat. For application blanks and for full information relative to the examinations, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately.

HOWARD C. LAKE,  
Secretary, Board of Civil Service  
Examiners.  
Post office, Alma, Mich.

## THE CLOSING NUMBER OF THE LYCEUM COURSE

Mary Antin, Author of "The Promised Land," Delivers a Stirring Talk.

The long looked-for speaker of the Alma Lyceum course made her appearance last Friday night, in the concluding number of the series of lectures and entertainments which have been given in the city. Mary Antin, the noted Russian Jewess, authoress and writer, held the attention of a well filled house for nearly an hour and a half, when she brought before the people in a most striking manner the duties of the American people as citizens of this country.

Her address was direct, simple and appealing, and several times she won the applause of her audience. Her explanation of true American ideals as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, which she termed as the law of the country, and of the constitution, which she termed as the commentary teaching that "all men are created equal." Although we touch these things in the public schools yet they are not lived out in the lives of the citizens. The great law of the Jewess—"what is hateful to thee do not unto thy fellow-men"—is the essence of our laws, and of the laws of every true democracy.

The American school teaches that most of the things which are embodied in the Declaration of Independence and in the constitution are mere or less idealistic, and that they are not expected to become a part of the lives of the men and the women of this country. Why are the foreign people as successful after they come to this country? Because they take these ideals in big doses and it agrees with them, whereas the American takes these ideals in small doses, and they think that it agrees with them.

We as Americans do not live out that part of the constitution which gives the right of equality to all men, for we despise the foreigner of Europe, and the negro of the South, and the yellow race in the West. There is lack of the brotherhood of man and we implant the germ of hatred in the lives of our young children. Are we right in doing this? No. Anything that implants race prejudice or hatred is a sin, and is treason. All men are created equal, and should be treated as such. Then with a fire and a zeal the lecturer cried out, "I am not a friend of the immigrant because I am an immigrant, but because I am an American." We must implant into the lives of our children things which will destroy snobbishness and smallness, and we must bring them to a realization that some day, the foreigners who come to the shore of this land, will own it because they are awakened to the possibilities of this country and are alive to all the opportunities which it affords.

## M. O. L. CONTEST

Ned Friday, the Michigan intercollegiate oratorical contest is to be held in Holland, at Hope college. This, it is expected, will be one of the largest contests ever held by the state, and great preparations are being made by the Hopians for the reception of a good-sized delegation from Alma. The Hope people came to Alma two years ago in a big delegation, and made a good impression upon the people, and Alma needs to do the same thing down at Hope this week.

Alma has a good chance for making places this year, it is considered, and we are looking to Mr. Wright and Miss Ballou to bring home some honors. However, it is suggested that it will be to their and your advantage that you are present. The trip will be well worth the money invested.

## AUCTION SALE

A. L. Hopkins.  
Having decided to quit farming, A. L. Hopkins will sell his farm implements, machinery and stock at public auction Wednesday, March 7th, at the Levi Pritchard farm, three and one-half miles west and one fourth mile south of Alma. J. D. Helman will be the auctioneer. The sale will start at 1:30 p. m.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

February 17, 1917.  
The undersigned will receive proposals up to and including March 15, 1917, for the furnishing of suitable quarters for post office purposes at Alma, Michigan, under a lease for five or ten years from July 1, 1917, in accordance with the attached blank form, which, as will be noted, calls for the furnishing of rent, heat, light, water, closets, urinals, safe or vault, and all necessary furniture and equipment for the proper conduct of said office at a stated price per annum.

There will be needed in this instance: Not less than 1,500 square feet of floor space.

Good day-light. Location not too far from business center and within eighty rods of railroad depots are points for general consideration.

Blank proposals and specifications may be obtained from the postmaster. The form of lease may be examined at the post office.

Diagrams of the rooms offered should be submitted, showing dimensions, windows, etc.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

E. A. MACKAY,  
Post Office Inspector.  
Lansing, Mich. (80-11-c)

## THE THEATRE

## The Genesta

Shall love be sacrificed upon the altar of imperial greed for power? This is the question pointedly asked in the photo-drama, "War Brides," which Herbert Brenon has now completed. Although it is impossible to escape this question in witnessing the play, no attempt is made to teach or preach. Mr. Brenon simply tells the story and lets the moral, if there be one, take care of itself. In "War Brides" the constant clash between the individual and the state makes the problem obvious.

The individual in the play is Joan, a young peasant girl, in which role Nazimova will make her first appearance on the moving picture screen. She played the part with great success in vaudeville, but many incidents have been added, giving her wider scope for her unique talents than she has had in her stage productions.

The story shows the life of the peasants of a mythical kingdom. The poor people have been oppressed by a grasping owner of a factory, and in strike which ensues the workers are led by Joan. The workers win, and celebrate their victory at a picnic, where Joan meets Franz, a young farmer, one of four brothers who live with their widowed mother, and their sister, Amelia. Franz and Joan are betrothed, when the shadow of war is soon on the horizon of the country. Franz is eager to fight, but Joan is filled with apprehension. They cease working on the little home they had hoped, but before Franz leaves with the troops they are married.

At length the young husband leaves with his regiment. The other brothers are drifted into the ranks, until at last the bride, the sister and mother are left alone to weep and hope for the return of the loved ones.

Then comes news of a great battle, and with it information that Franz has been killed. Joan first thinks only of her bereavement, and is determined to end her own life. But the aged mother of the dead husband reminds her of a new duty which confronts her, to a child that will be born fatherless. So she sadly takes up the thread of her existence once more.

Soldiers are falling by thousands in the battles, and the authorities conceive the idea of virtually compelling the unmarried women to marry soldiers on the eve of their departure for the war, so that there may be more soldiers to carry out the imperial ideas of power. To Joan, the idea is revolting. Her old talents for leadership come to the surface, and she goes among the women, arguing against permitting themselves to be made victims of the ruling powers.

This action brings Joan under the displeasure of the authorities, and she is ordered shot. When it is learned that she is to be a mother, the order is rescinded, and she is sent to jail.

In her cell Joan learns that the king is to pass through the village, and she escapes. Mourning has been forbidden, but Joan persuades the women to disobey, and in black meet the monarch, carrying their babies in their arms, as a protest against war.

The king approaches, and the women go to meet him. Without using violence the civil and military authorities are unable to stem the tide of humanity, and as women are now held immune from punishment for purposes of state they march on. As they near the royal entourage the soldiers make a desperate effort to stop them by threatening to shoot their leader, Joan. But the woman darts to where the king is watching the scene and delivers a message—her own message, typifying the revolt of the women of the country against the oppression under which they have suffered.

See it at Genesta Monday afternoon and evening.—Adv.

## The Idlehour

When "Patricia," the patriotic serial story, featuring Mrs. Vernon Castle, opens at the Idlehour on Friday of next week, motion picture lovers of Alma will have an opportunity to see the newest big production ever shown in the town. The "first run" release date on "Patricia" in the large cities was January 14th, so Alma will see it less than two months after it was first shown in New York. This will not only insure the film being in excellent condition, but will afford the ladies an opportunity of studying the very last word on styles, as Mrs. Castle is known as the "best dressed woman in America," and she wears many beautiful gowns of her own design. This is entirely apart from the absorbing interest which will be felt by both women and men in the story itself. The central theme, preparedness, furnishes abundant opportunity for thrilling adventures and plenty of action. "Patricia" is the story of Patricia Channing, "the last of the fighting Channings," heiress to millions and the largest munitions plant in the country, and her fight to save America from its enemies.

There are still a few people who "don't like serials." Yet the majority of these same people read serial stories in the Saturday Evening Post, The Cosmopolitan, or other popular magazines, and such people will find "Patricia" a revelation as to the manner in which really big serial productions are made.—Adv.

## MOTHERS

Should we that the whole family take at least three or four doses of a thoro, purifying system cleaning medicine this spring. Now is the time. The family will be healthier, happier and get along better if the blood is given a thoro purifying, the stomach and bowels cleaned out, and the germs of winter, accumulated in the system driven away. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the very best and surest Spring Remedy to take. Get it at once and see the difference in the whole family. Their color will be better, they'll feel fine and be well and happy. See. The best Spring tonic-laxative, purifier, Look-Paterson Drug Store.

Record Want Ads—result getters.

## THANKS PEOPLE

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College Thanks People for Support.

In the following letter, H. M. Crooks, president of Alma college, expresses his thanks for the support which was given the Alma college endowment campaign in Alma. He also urges that efforts be made for a larger community spirit in this city. It is a letter that all should read.

"Although individuals have received words of appreciation from the college, I desire to express through the Record the thanks of Alma college for the co-operation given us in our recent campaign for \$50,000.

"Those of us at the college have had in mind that \$50,000 might be expected from Alma during the campaign. It was rather our expectation that we would pass \$50,000 last week.

"I appreciate that there have been a great many demands made upon the pocketbooks of the citizens of Alma within the last year. I feel very grateful that friends of the college should pledge more than \$25,000, when almost every one has had unusual demands made upon his pocketbook not only by the high cost of living, but by his own particular church during the last year. There were many instances of very generous co-operation of most encouraging sort.

"May I take the liberty at this time to say that if we at the college felt small disappointment at not reaching past \$50,000 last week, there might have been more disappointment at the number of givers. Perhaps the word 'disappointment' should not be used. As a comparative newcomer to Alma, I find myself wondering whether the number of people feeling responsibility for community affairs is not a little too small. There must be other community movements in Alma in which all the citizens must unite. Before long a public library should be projected. Other public actions that cannot be taken care of by taxation will be proposed. Some new effort should be made, it seems to me, to interest constantly a larger constituency in these community affairs.

"May I hope that this mild word of criticism may not make me seem ungrateful to the good people of Alma for their loyal support of the college and the campaign of a week ago. I feel quite sure that other friends of the college who were out of town or who for some other good reason did not subscribe last week, will bring our total amount past \$50,000 by commencement time. To be able to say outside of Alma that at the very beginning of this campaign we have raised between \$50,000 and \$75,000, will make our appeal outside very much stronger.

"We have reason to be most grateful to the newspapers of Alma and to the public spirited citizens who gave their influence and time as committee members.

Very truly yours,  
H. M. CROOKS.

## W. C. T. U. NOTES

These twenty-six states and territories will become "bone dry" if the Reed amendment to the post office bill becomes a law:

Alaska, Maine, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Alabama, Oregon, Arkansas, Virginia, Michigan, Utah, Kansas, Georgia, Tennessee, Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Mississippi, West Virginia, Washington, Iowa, South Carolina, South Dakota and Indiana.

In addition, prohibition legislation is pending in Delaware, Minnesota, Wyoming, New Mexico, Illinois and Hawaii.

Port Rico was recently voted bone dry in the senate.

## TITLE BOUT SATURDAY

The Alma college basketball team will play Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo on Saturday night of this week in the game which will decide the M. I. A. A. title. Alma's chances of winning from Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo are about one out of a hundred, so it is almost a certainty that Kalamazoo will pose as the coming champion of the Michigan intercollegiate, with Alma as the runner up for the third successive year. Kalamazoo refused to come to Alma and play off the game that should have been played last Friday, but which went by the boards, when the Kalamazoo team missed its train in Grand Rapids.

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Both Phones

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## HENRY E. WALBRIDGE

Republican Candidate for Circuit Judge of the 29th Judicial Circuit.



What some of the prominent men of the state have to say in regard to Mr. Walbridge's fitness for the office of Circuit Judge:

Hon. Victor M. Gore, one of the leading members of the constitutional convention of 1917 residing at Benton Harbor, Michigan, under date of January 31, 1917, has this to say: "I recall your efficient services as a member of the Judicial Committee of the Constitutional Convention, where you fully demonstrated your capacity to deal with the most difficult legal questions. You are without question, eminent fitted by both temperament and experience to discharge the duties of Circuit Judge in a most acceptable manner."

Hon. J. M. C. Smith, Congressman from the Third District, now in Washington, D. C., under date of February 1, 1917, has this to say: "I have known you ever since you were a young man and I have had the honor of a close personal acquaintance with you. I have watched your rise in the profession of law to one of the leading attorneys in the state. In the Constitutional Convention, we were closely associated. I am confident that the people of your Judicial Circuit will make no mistake in nominating you and electing you to this high office and honor."

Hon. William E. Brown, of Lapeer, Michigan, one of the most able and prominent men of the Constitutional Convention of 1917, has this to say in a letter under date of February 13th: "My knowledge of your work in the Constitutional Convention leads me to believe that you are especially fitted for judicial honors. You will remember that I requested your appointment to my committee to give the finishing touches to the arrangement and phraseology of the new Constitution. The carefulness and completeness in that work has been demonstrated since."

Gen. O. L. Spaulding, an old resident and practitioner of the law at St. Johns, Michigan, has this to say in a letter of date February 5, 1917: "It goes without saying that as a Judge you would honor and dignify the bench as you have honored and dignified the profession as a practitioner at the bar."